

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-43 (Canceled)

44. (Currently Amended) A device for collecting and processing folded printed products comprising:

a collection drum rotatably drivable about a drum axis, the collection drum including a hub and a plurality of first rests with first saddles, the first rests being uniformly distributed over an outer circumference of the collection drum and longitudinally extending parallel to the drum axis, the collection drum having a collection drum end, the collection drum end comprising an end of each of the first rests and the hub;

a conveyor device comprising a revolving conveyor including a plurality of second rests with second saddles arranged transversely to a conveying direction, wherein the conveyor device extends axially past the collection drum end and the collection drum end of the collection drum; and

the conveyor device in a transfer region arranged adjacent to the collection drum end, wherein in the transfer region one of the first rests and first saddles aligns with one of the second rests and second saddles, wherein the printed products on the first rests of the collection drum are transportable in an axial direction of the collection drum to the collection drum end of the collection drum and axially past the collection drum end so as to be transferred to the second rests of the revolving conveyor.

45. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 44, wherein the conveyor device comprises a frame supporting the revolving conveyor, the frame is disposed adjacent the collection drum end, and a portion of the frame is disposed adjacent to the end of the hub.

46. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 44, wherein the hub is not a component of the conveyor device, and no part of the collection drum is an integral component of the conveyor device.

47. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 44, wherein the conveyor device in the transfer region is arranged adjacent to the collection drum end of the collection drum in a manner such that the printed products maybe transferred from the collection drum end to the conveyor means or vice versa.

48. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 44, wherein the conveyor device is detached from the collection drum.

49. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 44, wherein the second saddles at least in the transfer region are movable parallel to one another at a predefined, equal distance in a conveyor path, wherein the equal distance of the saddles corresponds to a distance between the first saddles in a circumferential direction of the collection drum.

50. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 49, wherein a rotational speed of the collection drum and a conveyor speed are matched in a manner such that one of the first saddles remains aligned with one of the second saddles while moving through the transfer region.

51. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 44, wherein the conveyor device comprises a deflection member on which the second rests are disposed, the deflection member forming a circular conveyor arc matching a circular collection drum arc in the transfer region.

52. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 44, wherein the second rests are movably supported on rails.

53. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 52, wherein each of the second rests, on a side lying opposite one of the second saddles, are supported on at least one rail.

54. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 44, wherein at least one working station, selected from inserting stations, binding stations, adhering stations, or further collection stations, is disposed in combination with the conveyor device.

55. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 44, further comprising a stapling apparatus disposed in combination with the conveyor device.

56. (Currently Amended) A device for collecting and processing folded printed products comprising:

a collection drum rotatably drivable about a drum axis, the collection drum including a hub and a plurality of first rests with first saddles, the first rests being uniformly distributed over an outer circumference of the collection drum and longitudinally extending parallel to the drum axis, the collection drum having a collection drum end, the collection drum end comprising an end of each of the first rests and the hub; and

a conveyor device detached from the collection drum, extending axially past the collection drum and the collection drum end of the collection drum, and arranged adjacent to the collection drum end in a transfer region, the conveyor device comprising a revolving conveyor including a plurality of second rests with second saddles arranged transversely to a conveying direction, wherein the conveyor device in the transfer region is arranged adjacent to the collection drum end of the collection drum in a manner such that the printed products may be transferred from the collection drum end to the conveyor device or vice versa, wherein the printed products on the first rests of the collection drum are transportable in an axial direction of the collection drum to the collection drum end of the collection drum and axially past the collection drum end so as to be transferred to the second rests of the revolving conveyor.

57. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 56, wherein in the transfer region each of more than one of the first rests and first saddles aligns with a corresponding one of the second rests and second saddles.

58. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 56, wherein the conveyor device comprises a frame supporting the revolving conveyor, the frame is disposed adjacent the collection drum end, and a portion of the frame is disposed adjacent to the end of the hub.

59. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 56, wherein the second saddles at least in the transfer region are movable parallel to one another at a predefined, equal distance in the conveyor path, the equal distance of the saddles corresponds to a distance between the first saddles in the circumferential direction of the collection drum, and a rotational speed of the collection drum and a conveyor speed are matched in a manner such that one of the first saddles remains aligned with one of the second saddles while moving through the transfer region.

60. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 56, wherein the conveyor device comprises a deflection member on which the second rests are disposed, the deflection member forming a circular conveyor arc matching a circular collection drum arc in the transfer region.

61. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 56, wherein at least one working station, selected from stapling stations, inserting stations, binding stations, adhering stations, or further collection stations, is disposed in combination with the conveyor device.

62. (Currently Amended) A device for collecting and processing folded printed products comprising:

a collection drum which is rotatably drivable about a drum axis and comprises first rests with first saddles, the first rests being uniformly distributed over the circumference of the drum having a hub and extending in a longitudinal extension parallel to the drum axis, the collection drum having a collection drum end, the collection drum end comprising an end of each of the first rests and the hub;

conveyor elements in combination with the collection drum for conveying the printed products on the first saddles in an axial direction along the firsts rests; and

a conveyor device that extends axially past the collection drum and the collection drum end of the collection drum, the conveyor device comprising a conveyor path with a conveyor direction which at least in a transfer region deviates from the axial direction, the conveyor device including second rests movable in the conveyor path, the second rests having second saddles arranged distanced to one another and arranged transversely to the conveying direction;

wherein the conveyor device in the transfer region is arranged adjacent to the collection drum end of the collection drum in a manner such that the printed products may be transferred from the collection drum end to the conveyor device or vice versa, and for the second rests movable in the conveyor path there is provided a conveyor unit that is detached from the collection drum, wherein the printed products on the first rests of the collection drum are transportable in the axial direction of the collection drum to the collection drum end of the collection drum and axially past the collection drum end so as to be transferred to the second rests of the revolving conveyor.

63. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 62, wherein the conveyor device comprises a frame supporting a revolving conveyor, the frame is disposed adjacent the collection drum end, and a portion of the frame is disposed adjacent to the end of the hub.

64. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 62, wherein the second saddles at least in the transfer region are movable parallel to one another at a predefined, equal distance in the conveyor path, the equal distance of the saddles corresponds to a distance between the first saddles in the circumferential direction of the collection drum, and a rotational speed of the collection drum and a conveyor speed are matched in a manner such that one of the first saddles remains aligned with one of the second saddles while moving through the transfer region.

65. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 62, wherein the axial direction and the conveyor direction are essentially perpendicular to one another at least in the transfer region.

66. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 62, wherein at least one working station, selected from stapling stations, inserting stations, binding stations, adhering stations, or further collection stations, is disposed in combination with the conveyor device.